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In re application of:  
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 For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.